GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – E.F.S. & T. Department - Surprise-Check conducted on the Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District on 11.05.2017 - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri A. Vasudeva Rao, Assistant Beat Officer (Contract Basis), formerly worked in Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District, under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Inquiry conducted – Closing the case – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE& TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 18 **Dated: 18-03-2025**

Read the following:-

1)From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter.Rc.No.28/DES-VSK/2017, dated 30.01.2018.
2)Govt. Memo.No.2477/Sec.IV/A1/2018, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.IV) Department, dated 11.06.2018, 17.11.2020, 23.09.2021 and 06.10.2023.
3)From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri, Letter Rc.No.7961/2018/A&DC-2, dated 03.07.2024.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, has informed that, on credible information that the employees of Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District were abusing their official positions and habitually indulging in corrupt practices by collecting illegal gratifications directly and also through unauthorized agents (private persons) from the crew members/owners of the vehicles passing through the check-post and allowing those vehicles to pass through the check-post without conducting physical verification of the vehicles, connected records of the goods being transported and of those vehicles and thereby causing pecuniary advantage for themselves and pecuniary loss to the Government exchequer, the officials of the Anti-Corruption Bureau, Srikakulam Range conducted a surprise check on the Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District on 11.05.2017; and recommended to initiate departmental action against Sri A.Vasudeva Rao, Assistant Beat Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District for violation of Rule 3(1), (2) and 4(i) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, as he was absent from duty at the time of surprise check without any leave or permission.

2. After careful examination the matter, Government have accepted the recommendations of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada and in Govt. Memo. 2nd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force was requested to initiate departmental action for violation of Rule 3(1) (2) and 4(i) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 in respect of Sri A.Vasudeva Rao, Assistant Beat Officer.

3. In the letter 3rd above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri has informed that, the following Article of Charge was issued to Sri A. Vasudeva Rao, Assistant Beat Officer (Contract Basis), Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, working in Chinnagora Beat, Veeraghatam Section, Palakonda Range, Parvathipuram Manyam Division by the District Forest Officer, Srikakulam in Rc.No.1446/2018/A1/A7, dated 27.02.2023,under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991:-

***Article**:"Sri A. Vasudeva Rao, S/o Krishna Murthy, age 42 Years, Asst. Beat Officer, Forest Department was supposed to be present in the check post from 7 AM on 10.05.2017 to 7 AM on 11.05.2017 and was absent from duty at the time of surprise check without any leave or permission from competent authority.*

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Thus, the Govt. Servant Sri A. Vasudeva Rao by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct, unbecoming of a Govt. servant and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1)(2) and 4(i) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

4. The Charged Officer has submitted his Written Statement of Defence on 03.04.2023. Not satisfying with the explanation submitted by the Charged Officer, the District Forest Officer, Srikakulam has appointed the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Tekkali and the Forest Range Officer, Kasibugga as Inquiry Officer & Presenting Officer respectively, in Rc.No.1446/2018/A7(i&ii), dated 27.04.2023 for conducting the regular inquiry.

5. The Inquiry Officer & Assistant Conservator of Forests/Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Tekkali has completed the inquiry and submitted his findings, dated 02.02.2024, wherein the Inquiry Officer has concluded that the charge framed against the Charged Officer was held **proved beyond doubt.**

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri has communicated the findings of the Inquiry Officer to the Charged Officer in Rc.No.7961/2018/A&DC-2, dated 25.04.2024. The Charged Officer has submitted his written representation, dated 10.05.2024.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has further informed that the Charged Officer was engaged on contractual service and was relieved on attaining 60 years of age from service on the After Noon of 31.05.2024. Further, as per the findings of the inquiry, his lapse was being absent from the check post duty and there is no proof of his involvement in corrupt practice. As per check slip information, there is no financial loss to the Government. It is also pertinent to mention that contractual employees are not covered under any service rules except term of contract; and requested the Government to take action as deemed fit in the matter.

8. After careful examination of the matter, Government have decided and hereby close the disciplinary case against Sri A. Vasudeva Rao, Assistant Beat Officer (Contract Basis), formerly worked in Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District, as the charge framed against him is that he was absent on 11.05.2017 at the time of surprise check conducted by the Anti-Corruption Bureau and as both Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 and A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 are not applicable to the contract person.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri A. Vasudeva Rao, Assistant Beat Officer (Retd.) (Contract Basis),
formerly worked at Integrated check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram
Mandal, Srikakulam District through the Principal Chief Conservator of
Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER